

Wintringham Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

There is now less than a month until the end of term and there are so many exciting things happening in this time.

KS2 have been busy rehearsing for their performances of Matilda, and I am really looking forward to watching them. It is already sounding very good. Plans are also well underway for the Year 6 leavers celebrations, including their leavers BBQ. They are also all looking forward to their residential trip to Hilltop on the last few days of term.

We still have lots of school trips taking place – KS1 are going to Whipsnade Zoo, Year 3 are going to the Tower of London and Reception are visiting Sacrewell Farm. I am sure that they will all have a wonderful time.

Please remember that Sports Day this year will take place on **Thursday 10th July**. As our numbers have increased, we will be holding events for Reception and KS1 in the morning and for KS2 in the afternoon. A letter with all the details will be sent out soon.

Reception have been very busy recently! Last week, the children participated in 'Bikeability,' a fantastic initiative that enables them to build their confidence riding balance bikes, which paves the way to removing those stabilisers! We have been very excited to hear that lots of the children have now mastered their grown-up bikes at home!

The children also particularly enjoyed our recent theme 'Back to the old School,' in which they learned about aspects of school life for children in the past! This really deepened their understanding of some of the differences between the past and life today.

This week, we have been exploring food, which has included making their own fruit kebabs – an activity that they were very enthused by! This will culminate next week with their annual 'Teddy Bear's Picnic'!

Rosen class were lucky enough to take part in Vegfest recently, extending their experiences of outdoor learning to understand the growing and harvesting cycle for fruits and vegetables. The children used teamwork to prepare soil, plant from pots and look after their plants by watering. We were even lucky enough to harvest a juicy strawberry as they were becoming perfectly ripe!

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Year 1 have thoroughly enjoyed our learning about life cycles connecting topics in science and PSHE. We have matched the life cycles of different animals including butterflies, frogs and humans as well as using our knowledge from stories like The Hungry Caterpillar! The children have thought carefully about the human life cycle and what stages they have been through already, including some of the changes from babies such as learning to walk and talk. Well done Year 1.

Year 2 had a great time at the Year 2 Sports Event. The children walked to Winhills Primary Academy and took part in the event with other Year 2 children from the Trust. The children followed a carousel of activities which included cricket batting, cricket throwing, football kicking, athletics throws and netball hoops. It was lovely to see the children cheering each other on! The children also conducted themselves around the grounds of Winhills very well. Well done, Year 2!



Year 3 were fortunate to join The Round House for a visit from the author S.A. Reyhani, who gave them an insight into her first novel, 'A sequence of cosmic accidents'. The children listened attentively as she described the characters and the adventure they go on. At the end, the children asked her some questions about how she got into writing and where she gets her ideas from. It was lovely to see some of the children getting a signed copy of her book to enjoy reading.

Year 4 also took part in an exciting DLPT athletics event held at Winhills Primary. The children took part in a range of fun and challenging sporting activities. Events included javelin throwing, rounders matches, and netball tournaments. Throughout the afternoon, the children demonstrated excellent teamwork, supporting one another and showing great sportsmanship regardless of the results. Their resilience really shone through, with some pupils trying new sports for the first time and giving every activity their best effort.



A great afternoon was had by all, and the children returned to school with huge smiles, tired legs, and plenty of stories to tell. We are so proud of the positive attitude and determination shown by every child involved.

Year 6 had an inspiring visit from Geoff Watts, a magistrate, who spoke to them about his important role in the justice system. He explained how magistrates help make fair decisions in court. The children asked thoughtful questions and learned a lot about law, responsibility, and making good choices.





Year 6 had a fantastic time taking part in Vegfest gardening with Hannah. The children enjoyed getting their hands dirty while learning about the importance of growing their own food. They helped with watering the plants, carefully planting new seeds, and even had the exciting job of harvesting potatoes. Hannah guided them through each step, explaining how to care for the garden and why each task matters. The pupils worked together brilliantly and showed great enthusiasm for gardening. It was a fun, educational experience that helped them appreciate nature and healthy eating. A big thank you to Hannah for her support!

Last week, the children from The Lighthouse enjoyed a fantastic trip to Hinchingsbrooke Country Park. The day was filled with excitement as they explored the beautiful woodland on a fun and educational scavenger hunt. From spotting wildlife to finding hidden natural treasures, the pupils showed great curiosity and teamwork throughout. It was a brilliant opportunity to connect with nature—and we're proud of how enthusiastically everyone took part! Even Simba enjoyed himself in the lake!



We have a SEND DLPT Facebook group which is only for the parents of SEND children in the DLPT. If you would like to join the group please use the following link to the page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/737433803299735/>

You may be asked for further information to verify that you are a parent of a SEND child and which school your child attends.

For those parents that are new to the school, we have a closed Facebook group that is only open to parents and carers. A request to join this group can be made using the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/206660223237917/> The page is updated regularly with photographs and information of news and events.

Please can you remind your children that they are not allowed to climb any of the school fences at any time.

Please can I remind you not to encourage conversations with your children through the fence at break and lunchtimes. The children should be playing with their friends at these times. We have a duty of care to keep all of our children safe. If you need to get a message to your child, please call the school office.

Please try and make doctors and dental appointments in the school holidays or after school if at all possible. If you do have an appointment during the school day, please let the office know in advance and provide a copy of your appointment card. This should hopefully ensure that your child is not changed for P.E. at the back of the school field when you are in a rush to get to your appointment.

Term dates for the school year 2024/25 are provided in the diary dates section at the end of this newsletter. Please do not book any holidays during term time.

Please be aware that if a child vomits or has diarrhoea in school, they will be sent home immediately. Children with these conditions will not be accepted back into school until 24 hours after the last symptom has elapsed.

Please, if at all possible, could you walk to school with your children. If you have to drive, please can you park with consideration to our neighbours in our school car park on Aspen Avenue. Thank you for your co-operation.

Uniform

Please note that we would ask that when you are purchasing new shoes for your child to wear at school that they are black school shoes. No trainers are to be worn other than for P.E. Our uniform is as follows:

Grey pinafore dress, skirt or trousers

Navy blue sweatshirt

Sky blue polo shirt

White or grey socks and if tights are worn in winter they should be navy blue or grey

Navy fleece

Black shoes with closed heels and toes

Summer dress is navy and white checked

Please ensure skirts are knee length. P.E. shirts should be a plain white t-shirt. P.E. shorts should be loose fitting 'football' style, and not leggings or cycling shorts.

Please ensure that your child brings a waterproof coat to school with them and a sun hat when the weather is warmer. All children should have a named water bottle in school every day.

Email Communication

We have an email communication system which allows us to communicate with parents by email. I hope that everyone will remain in the scheme as this will save a lot of money currently being spent on paper and photocopying which can then be spent on the children and resources. Please ensure that your email address and mobile telephone number are kept up to date with the school office.

School Dinners

Our new in-house caterers, Diamond Diners, now provide school meals for the children. Menus for the term have been sent out separately. The cost of a meal at school is £2.60 per child per meal. You may order lunches on a daily basis but all school lunches must be paid for in advance or on the day taken. School is not allowed to give more than one day's credit per child.

Online Payments

Our Arbor online payment system is available for meal payments, trips and to pay for Cygnets. If you still can't access the Arbor Parent Portal, please contact the school office. The Arbor app is also now available for both Android and Apple devices.

Holiday Absence

In line with Statutory Guidance from the Department of Education, Headteachers are only allowed to authorise absence during term time in exceptional circumstances. Family holidays are not classed as exceptional circumstances. The children only attend school for 190 days out of 365 and we do expect parents to take holidays during the 13 weeks of school holidays. Please be aware that as this is an unauthorised absence you could be at risk of the Education Welfare Officer issuing a fixed penalty fine. Term dates for the 2024/2025 school year have been sent home to parents and are available on the school website. Please contact the school office if you require a further copy.

Visits

From time to time, classes are engaged in local studies to support the curriculum, meaning that they need to leave the school site for a short walk or visit, perhaps to the church, for example. We seek to use the locality in practical ways to support the children's learning and always ensure appropriate and adequate adult supervision. If any visit involves transport or alternative lunch

arrangements you will always be informed in advance but for a short local excursion, perhaps dependent on fine weather conditions, you may not be.

Nut Allergy

May I remind parents that children's packed lunches must not contain peanut butter or other snacks which contain nuts. Please be aware of all items which also 'may contain nuts' as stated on the packaging, as we have several children with allergies in school. Thank you for your consideration.

Diary Dates

Summer Term 2025

Monday 30th June	- KS1 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo
Tuesday 1 st July	- Year 2 Music Festival
Thursday 10th July	- Sports Day
Friday 11 th July	- Year 3 Trip to the Tower of London
Monday 14th July	- Reception Trip to Sacrewell Farm
Monday 21 st July – Wednesday 23 rd July	- Year 6 to Hilltop
Wednesday 23 rd July	- End of Term

Autumn Term 2025

Monday 1 st September	- Staff training day
Tuesday 2 nd September	- Staff training day
Wednesday 3 rd September	- Autumn Term starts
Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October	- Half term
Friday 19 th December	- End of term

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5 th January	- Spring Term starts
Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February	- Half Term
Friday 27 th March	- End of Term

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13 th April	- Training Day
Tuesday 14 th April	- Summer Term Starts
Monday 4 th May	- May Day
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May	- Half Term
Friday 17 th July	- End of Term

Please be aware that we do occasionally need to alter some of these dates, but any alterations will be notified to parents.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Tracy Bryden
Executive Headteacher
On behalf of Wintringham Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)

If you would like to make any comments on the newsletter or anything to do with the school, please use the slip below.

To: Mrs Tracy Bryden, Executive Headteacher, Wintringham Primary Academy, Nuffield Road, St Neots, Cambridgeshire, PE19 0AW.

Child's Name:

Comment: